

RETURN showing the NUMBER of OFFENCES REPORTED, PERSONS APPREHENDED, and COMPARISON of CRIME during the Year ending 31st December, 1887, and Year ending 31st December, 1888—continued.

Offences.	Number of all Offences Reported.	Persons Apprehended, 1887.						Total Number of Persons Apprehended.	Number of all Offences Reported.	Persons Apprehended, 1888.						Total Number of Persons Apprehended.	Increase.	Decrease.
		Com- mitted for Trial.		Sum- marily Convicted.		Dis- charged.				Com- mitted for Trial.		Summarily Convicted.		Dis- charged.				
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			
SOUTH ISLAND—continued.																		
Sacrilege	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Seal Fisheries Act, breaches of ..	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Setting fire to grass	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	2	1	2	..	5	5	..
Sheep-stealing	10	4	..	1	..	2	..	7	12	7	..	..	..	1	..	8	2	..
Shipping and Seamen's Act, breaches of	63	..	..	41	..	8	..	49	46	..	..	41	..	3	..	44	..	17
Shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..
Sly grog-selling	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..
Sodomy	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Sodomy, attempted	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..
Suicide, attempted	13	2	..	1	1	5	4	13	7	1	..	..	..	4	2	7	..	6
Threatening letters	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
Vagrancy	193	..	..	79	69	25	20	193	140	..	..	68	44	20	8	140	..	53
Wife-desertion	8	..	..	4	..	4	..	8	12	..	..	7	..	2	..	9	4	..
Totals	6,244	222	18	3,979	689	696	117	5,721	6,151	217	16	4,123	660	563	82	5,667	402	495
																	Decrease, 93	

RETURN showing the PROPORTION of POLICE to POPULATION and COST of POLICE per INHABITANT in each of the under-mentioned PLACES.

Place.	Proportion of Police to Population.	Cost of Police per Inhabitant.	Remarks.
New Zealand ..	1 to 1,347	s. d. 2 10½	Calculated on the estimated population, 652,125 (including Maoris), on the 31st March, 1889 (<i>vide</i> Registrar-General's return, published in the <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> of the 23rd May, 1889); and the net expenditure for police, £94,482 4s. 11d. (<i>vide</i> Appropriation Account for year ended the 31st March, 1889).
Victoria	1 to 751	4 10½	Number of police 1,451; amount of vote £266,097 (<i>vide</i> Estimates for year ended the 30th June, 1889); estimated population on the 31st December, 1888, 1,090,086.*
New South Wales ..	1 to 717	5 3	Calculated on strength of police, 1,513 (<i>vide</i> Inspector-General's report for 1888); vote for same year, £285,773; and estimated population on the 31st December, 1888, 1,085,356.*
South Australia ..	1 to 828	5 4½	Calculated from estimates for year ending the 30th June, 1889, viz.: Number of police, 378; amount of vote, £34,692. Estimated population on the 31st December, 1888, 313,065.*
Queensland ..	1 to 414	7 6½	Calculated on number of police according to estimates for 1888-89, 935 persons; amount of vote, £146,480. Estimated population on the 31st December, 1888, 387,463.*
			NOTE.—Deducting native trackers (200), there are only 735 police, according to which the proportion of police to population would be 1 to 527.

* *Vide* Australian statistics as furnished by the Government Statist, Melbourne.

RETURN of STATIONS BUILT during the Year ending the 31st March, 1889.

Locality.	Material.	Number of Rooms.	Remarks.
Riverton	Brick	6	Replacing old station.
Bluff	"	5	In place of leasehold.
Otautau	"	5	
Wyndham	"	5	"
Whangaroa	Wood	6	"
Martinborough ..	"	4	"
Waikaia	"	2	"